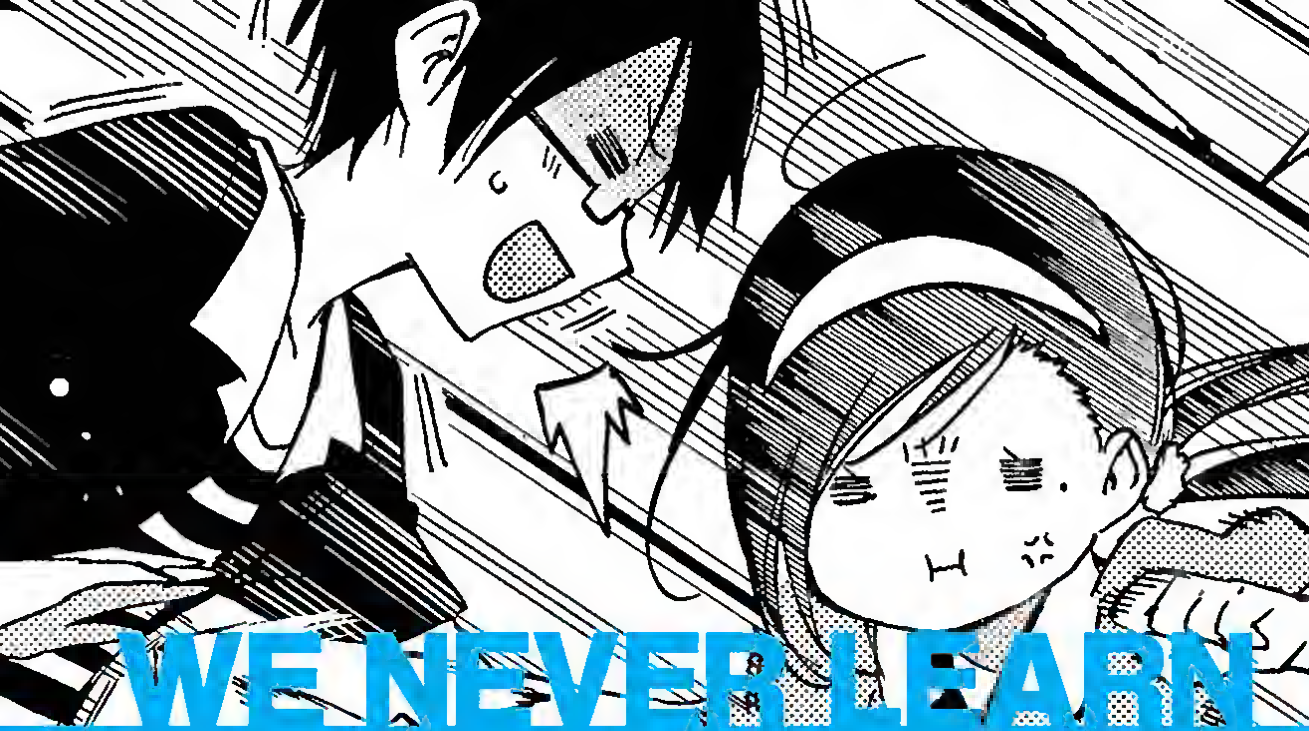

WE NEVER LEARN

BY TAISHI TSUTSUI

Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Three prodigies + three difficult subjects + one desperate tutor = DANGER!

Yuiga has his hands full trying to help three students succeed in their worst subjects. Fumino is an ace in literature but wants to study science! Super athlete Uruka's preferred university requires English proficiency, but she hates to study! And math whiz Rizu is determined to major in the humanities. But if Yuiga somehow succeeds, he'll get the scholarship he needs to attend his college of choice!

Yuiga's started cram school to help with his own studies. However, he finds himself in a bit of trouble when he ends up at a maid café after he gets lost trying to get back home. And to his surprise, one of the maids just so happens to be his cram school classmate—Asumi!

Question 34: An Illustrious Veteran Sometimes Serves X

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WEAR A COSTUME LIKE THIS!
TRICK OR TREAT!!
OH!
SORRY!
ぱっ!
GUH...
BUT... THIS OUTFIT IS KINDA TIGHT...
ESPECIALLY IN THE CHEST AREA—I'M AFRAID IT MIGHT TEAR...
I'LL REINFORCE IT IF YOU DON'T MIND WAITING!
Sew
Sew
Stitch Stitch
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME... MAYBE I DIDN'T SEW IT STRONG ENOUGH!
OMG! NARIYUKI IS SO CUTE IN COSPLAY!!
It's fine how it is.
BLUSH
HAND SEWING! YUIGA'A WOULD MAKE A GREAT BRIDE!

CHAT-TER
Ha ha ha...
KIRISU SENSEI!
SHALL WE HIT ONE MORE BAR?
CHAT-TER
CHAT-TER
CHAT-TER
LET'S CONNECT MORE ABOUT OUR PASSION FOR EDUCATING YOUNG MINDS!
NO THANK YOU.
I'M READY TO CALL IT A NIGHT.
TAK
GOSH, KIRISU SENSEI IS SUCH A MYSTERY.
I like her!
WONDER IF SHE HAS A BOY-FRIEND...
TAK
TAK
I BET HER PRIVATE LIFE...

*SIGN: MAID CAFE HIGH STAGE

SHOOP
HA! HA! HA!
あっはっは
ビッ
TAK
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, YOUNG MAN?
ガシッ!!
CLAMP
THIS IS AN ADULT DISTRICT, AND YOU'RE A MINOR!
HEADING STRAIGHT INTO A SHADY ESTABLISH-MENT LIKE IT'S A REGULAR HAUNT...
HEY!
YIKES! KIRISU SENSEI!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I MIGHT ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION!
DO YOU WANT TO JEOPARDIZE YOUR RECOM-MENDATION?

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商い中
OH!
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU, MAFUYU SENSEI!
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE GRADUATION!
K..
KOMI-NAMI ?!
HUH?
WHAT?
WOW... I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE, MAFUYU SENSEI!
ARE THERE PIGS FLYING NOW?
WATCH IT.
I'VE ASKED YOU NOT TO CALL ME MAFUYU SENSEI.
OH, RIGHT!
SHE GRADUATED FROM OUR SCHOOL— THEY KNOW EACH OTHER!
SKRIT SKRIT
TEE HEE HEE!
CHATTER
CHATTER

MORE IMPORTANTLY...
LISTEN, I'VE GRADUATED, OKAY?
I'LL PASS ON THE SCOLDING, PLEASE.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, KOMINAMI ...
DO YOU WORK IN THIS SHADY PLACE?!
AS YOU CAN SEE, ALL MY KOHAI IS DOING HERE IS SERIOUS SCHOOLWORK.
NO NEED TO WORRY. YOU CAN GO HOME, SENSEI.
SHUP
!
HUU-UUH?
OINK
OUT OF THE QUESTION!
HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY CONCENTRATE HERE?!
LET'S GO, YUIGA!

L-LET GO OF HIM, KOMI-NAMI!
YANKA YANKA
YIIIKES! THAT HURTS!
YOINK
IS THIS FOR REAL?!
TUGGA TUGGA
LET GO OF HIM!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE JEALOUS!
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
!!
SWIP
OOPS!
EEEK!
KRASH

CHANGING ROOM
I...
I'M FINE. IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO APOLOGIZE...
I WAS CARE-LESS.
I'M SO SORRY.
IF WE DON'T GET A SUB...
BUT THE CAFÉ NEEDS ME. THEY'LL BE SHORT-HANDED.
PLEASE REST UP, MACHIKO.
IT WAS MY FAULT TOO.
OW-OW...
WHAT ?!
...

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IF THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU...
SHUSH, YUIGA!
FLUSH...
W...
W-W...
W...
WEL-COME...
...HOME...
DARLING...
I'M SO...
...EMBAR-RASSED...
OH...
DUDOO
OH NO...
I'M AFRAID SOME-THING MIGHT WAKE UP..
Grin
パサリ
PUT-ING

I SEE YOU'RE NOT READY FOR A CUSTOMER-SERVICE ROLE.
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
I'm not that mean.
SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY AND ALL, MAFUYU-CHAN...
THEN WHY DID YOU MAKE HER SAY IT?!
WE'LL HAVE YOU HELP IN THE BACK TODAY, SO YOU WON'T NEED TO DO THIS.
WELL ...
CHECK-MATE!
Easy, right?
LET'S STICK TO THE VERY BASICS.
DISHES AND CLEANING. THAT'S ALL.
I CAN CLEAN AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE!
MY PRIVATE LIFE IS ONE THING. MY WORK ETHIC IS ANOTHER.
DON'T WORRY, YUIGA.
OH?
IS THAT ALL?
NO SWEAT.
WHERE DOES THAT CONFIDENCE COME FROM?! FOR REAL?!
PSST PSST

KRASH
KLUNK
CLATTER
BANG
WELL, THAT'S A SURPRISE.
I GUESS KIRISU SENSEI CAN CLEAN IF SHE'S MOTIVATED ...
WHIS-PER
WHIS-PER
WHIS-PER
...
OOPS...
OR MAYBE YOU SPOKE TOO SOON?
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP PLIP
RRMBB
RRMBB
OH! HEY...SO SORRY!
WE'LL GET IT ALL CLEANED UP IN A JIFFY! DON'T BE ANGRY!
SHOOP

PERFECT!
CLENCH
THE QUINTESSENTIAL CLUMSY-MAID TYPE!
WHAAAT?!
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU HURT?
OH...
CHATTER CHATTER
IT'S ...
IT'S OKAY!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!
YOU TWO CAN SEE TO THE CUSTOMERS!
THANKS! YOU'RE ALWAYS A BIG HELP, YUIGA!
I APPRECIATE IT, KOHAI!

DON'T BE SILLY.
Careful. There's broken glass.
IT'S OKAY.
I MADE THE MESS. I'LL CLEAN IT UP...

NOBODY CAN HANDLE EVERYTHING ALONE.
IT'S BETTER IF WE ALL HELP WHEN THERE'S AN ACCIDENT.

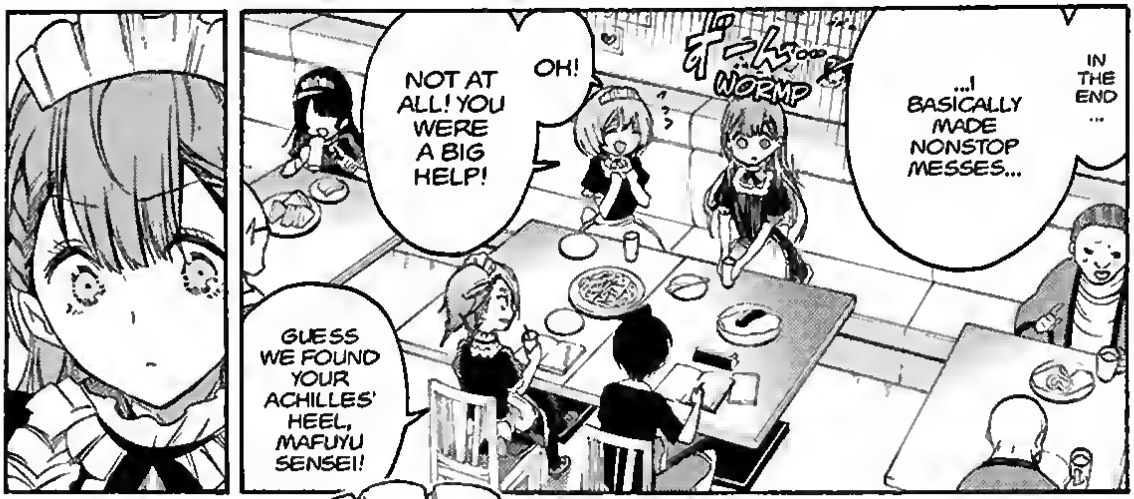
LET'S GET THIS CLEANED UP!
SO...

YUIGA...
WHAT AN INTERESTING BOY.
WHEREVER YOU GO...

YUIGA ALWAYS WORKS HARD TO SUPPORT US!
IT WAS MY FAULT!

I APPRECIATE IT, KOHAI!
THANKS! YOU'RE ALWAYS A BIG HELP, YUIGA!

GOOD WORK, EVERY-ONE!
KLINK
CHEERS!!


OH!
NOT AT ALL! YOU WERE A BIG HELP!
GUESS WE FOUND YOUR ACHILLES' HEEL, MAFUYU SENSEI!
NORMP
...! BASICALLY MADE NONSTOP MESSES...
IN THE END...

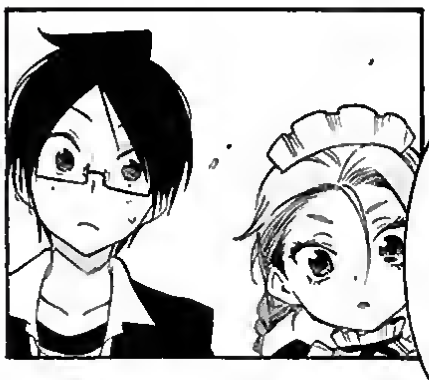
OF COURSE I AM.
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO DISCOURAGE ME, MAFUYU SENSEI.
I REFUSE TO GIVE UP.

KOMI-NAMI...
ARE YOU STILL...
...TRYING FOR MED SCHOOL?

...DID KIRISU SENSEI DISCOURAGE YOU FROM TRYING FOR MED SCHOOL?
PSST PSST
KOMI-NAMI SENPAI ...
IN HIGH SCHOOL ...
I SEE.
...
I guess it seems obvious.
BUT ...
YOU KNOW ...
THAT I WAS WASTING MY TIME.
SHE SAID IT WAS UNREASON-ABLE TO GO INTO MEDICINE.
YEAH.
MY GRADES WERE SOLID IN EVERYTHING BUT THE SCIENCES.
...HAS ACTUALLY BOOSTED MY DETER-MINATION.
...OPPOSE ME TO THE VERY END...
HAVING MAFUYU SENSEI ...
...YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE THE DRIVE TO OVERCOME SOME MAJOR OBSTACLES.
TO ACHIEVE SOME-THING REALLY BIG...

SHE NEVER ENCOUR-AGES ANY-THING I DO...
AND SHE NEVER ACTUALLY SAYS IT...
BUT I THINK...
...SHE TAUGHT ME THAT.

ABOUT HANGING OUT HERE...
OH... YEAH?
BY THE WAY, YUIGA...



THANK ...
YES, MA'AM!

IF NOT, I'LL REPORT YOU.
...
YOU'RE TO HEAD HOME EACH DAY BY 9 P.M.
GULP

SENSEI ?!
?!
KLUNK
IS THIS ...
...ALCOHOLIC?
SNIFF SNIFF
I THOUGHT SHE'D PREFER IT, SINCE SHE'S AN ADULT...
SHE ONLY HAD ONE SIP! WHAT A LIGHT-WEIGHT!
SENSEI! WAKE UP!!
OOOG..
NGHH!
YOU OKAY, SENSEI?
WE'RE ALMOST TO YOUR PLACE.
STILL... I WONDER WHY SHE SUDDENLY ...
... DECIDED IT WAS OKAY FOR ME TO STUDY THERE?
Did something happen?
?

YUIGA...
YOU ALWAYS WORK SO HARD!
なでなで
PAT PAT
GOOD BOY....
YOU BUILD TRUST AND SUPPORT WITH PEOPLE.
IT'S REALLY AMAZING.
YUIGA ...
EVERY-WHERE YOU GO...
SENSEI, YOU MUST BE PRETTY DRUNK..
HUH ?!
AND TAKE-MOTO...
AND FURU-HASHI...
YOU GIVE SO MUCH. IT'S IMPRESSIVE.
WITH KOMI-NAMI...
AND OGATA...

WHEN SHE'S DRUNK, SHE JUST HEAPS ON THE PRAISE!
AND YOU'RE SO GOOD AT BREATHING, YUIGA...
PLUS YOU CAN FEED YOURSELF. SO GOOD.
AND YOU CAN WALK UPRIGHT ON TWO LEGS.

TO BE CONTINUED...